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TITLE:

APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING

PERFORMANCE-INDICATING NUMBERS IN SPORTS GAMES, PARTICULARLY IN

ICE HOCKEY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find Request For Continuation-in-Part application under Rule 60, preliminary amendment including 5 sheets of drawings therein, copies of prior application and prior declaration, new declaration, new small entity statement and certificate of mailing by Express Mail.

Kindly acknowledge receipt by returning the enclosed postcard. Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION CO-PENDING APPLICATION CONTAINING ADDITIONAL SUBJECT MATTER

As a below named inventor, we hereby declare that our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our name; we believe that we are the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING PERFORMANCE-INDICATING NUMBERS IN SPORTS GAMES, PARTICULARLY IN ICE HOCKEY,

the specification of which is being filed herein.

This application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed patent applications, Serial No. 08/664,406, filed June 17, 1996, now pending, Serial No. 08/116,249, filed on Sept. 2, 1993, now U.S. patent no. 5,537,033 and 07/579,410 filed on Sept. 7, 1990, now abandoned.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, referred to above. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. dl.56(a). We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s) Priority Claimed (Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed) (Yes) (No)

None

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Sec. 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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PRIOR APPLICATION

SERIAL NUMBER: 08/664,406

FILED: June 17, 1996

GROUP ART UNIT: 3304

EXAMINER: Mark Graham

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.60

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. 1.60 of pending prior application Serial Number 08/664,406, filed on June 1 1996, entitled APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING PERFORMANCE-INDICATING NUMBERS IN SPORTS GAMES, PARTICULARLY IN ICE HOCKEY

by the following named inventors:

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No payment of the Issue Fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred in the above entitled prior application. The prior application is not being abandoned.

- 1. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- 2. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application, as amended by the foregoing referenced preliminary amendment:

Total Claims:

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Independent Claims: 2

The filing fee for the continuation application is \$ 385 for the base filing fee and \$ 0 for no independent claims in excess of three, for a total of \$ 385.

- 3. Please amend the Specification by inserting before line 1 (after the title of the invention), at page 1, the sentence:
- --This application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/664,406, filed June 17, 1996, which is a continuation of application serial no. 08/116,249 filed Sept. 2, 1993, now United States patent no. 5,537,033, which is further a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 07/579,410 filed Sept. 7, 1990, now abandoned.
- 4. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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- 5. A true copy of the prior application, including the drawings and declaration, as filed, is enclosed.
- 6. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
- 7. The undersigned states that the enclosed application papers comprise a true copy of the prior application as filed.
- 8. A new oath and declaration is included since this application is a continuation-in-part which discloses and claims additional subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that we qualify as independent inventors as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled

APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING PERFORMANCE-INDICATING NUMBERS IN SPORTS GAMES, PARTICULARLY IN ICE HOCKEY

described in the specification filed herewith.

We have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and are under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which we have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or are under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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NONE

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We acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in the loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

We hereby declare that all statements made herein on our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above

45 entitled application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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Cancel the present Abstract and add as follows:

--An apparatus for determining performance-indicating numbers in sports games, particularly in ice hockey, includes a database having sports games box scores stored therein. The database is stored in a tangible electronic media, such as magnetic media, optical media, electronic media, paper, thermosetting polymers, rubber, metals, or other suitable storage media. Such media includes computer diskettes, magnetic tape, optical disks, random access memory, read only memory, computer punch cards, and other volatile, temporary, and/or permanent memory devices. The database scores box scores, such as start time, stop time, team 1 goals and time of goals, team 1 goalies A and B goals and power plays, and team 2 goalies A and B goals and power plays. The performance indicating statistics can be electronically displayed after a game or during a game on the aforesaid tangible media, which may include among others, a video split screen display during the course of a game, a sports arena electronic scoreboard, or on any other video display, such as a global communications network or a television show .--

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 10, line 2, after ``ACCORDING TO'' please insert:

-- ONE EMBODIMENT OF --.

On page 20, after line 15, please add the following:
--BASIS FOR THE INTERMEDIATE FORMULAE IN ANOTHER
PREFERRED EMBODIMENT ACCORDING TO THE INVENTION:

The aforementioned formulae are illustrative of one embodiment of the present invention. For example, the number ``60.6" in the formulae includes the sum of 60 plus 0.6, which yields 60.6, to compensate for precision of certain calculators and computers for what is in actuality a factor of ``60". In other calculators and/or calculators 60.5 could be used as a means for compensating for inaccuracies and precision of such calculators, for example. However, if precision is not an issue with respect to accuracy, and the calculator and/or computer is substantially 100 per cent precise and substantially 100 percent accurate, then a factor of 60 is used.

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TYPICAL HOCKEY GAME

Furthermore, in a further preferred embodiment, the user may start with a typical ice hockey game as follows:

\$1) Game clock 0:00 - 1:24: A goal was scored by Team #2 at 30 1:24.

No players were serving penalty time when the goal was scored.

- FORMULA #10, EARNED GOAL AVERAGE: ((R)-(S)/(Q)-(T)*(60))
- ★ TEAM #1:

- R (total goals against) 1, minus S, (power play goals against) zero for a sum
- of 1. Divide by Q minus T (Q being total minutes played by a goaltender)
 - 1, (T being total power play time faced by a goaltender)
 0 minutes for
- 15 & a total of 1. The 1 goal allowed minus the 0 power play goal divided by
 - \$ 1 minute equals 1.00 parts of an earned goal per minute
 of even strength

- time. Multiply times 60, the standard amount of time in a hockey game. The
- total of 60.00 is the current amount of even strength
 goals allowed per

- every 60 minutes of even strength time faced by Team #1
 goaltender
- $\mbox{\@ $\%$}$ identified as #31 in this game.

- \$2) 1:24 2:23: A 2 minute penalty was assessed to Team #1,
- 🔅 giving Team #2 a power play advantage beginning at 2:23.
- 10 **3** 2:23 5:06: A goal was scored by Team #2 at 5:06 but not
 - within the allotted 2 minute power play time, thus Team
 #2 is charged zero

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- power play goals for 2 minutes of 1 player and composite power play time.
- Team #1 is credited with zero power play goals against
 for 2 minutes of penalty
 - time against in 1 player and composite penalty efficiency.

- FORMULA #1, COMPOSITE POWER PLAY:
 ((D)+(2*G)*(60)+(E)+(2*H)/(B)/(60)INT*(60.6))
- **※** TEAM #2:

- Add D, (accrued number of minutes, in which a team has a one player advantage)
- D being 1 minutes, to two times G (accrued number of minutes in which a team has a
 - has a two player advantage) G being 0 times 2, added to 2 equals 2. Multiply this sum 2 by 60, thereby transposing all

- player advantage minutes into 120 seconds. Add the sum of 120 seconds to E,
- accrued number of seconds in which a team has a one
 player advantage) E being 0 seconds, total 120
 - seconds, then add again to two times H (accrued number of seconds in which a team
- 25 & has a two player advantage) 0 seconds times two equals 0 seconds, total is 120 seconds.

- Divide 120 seconds by B (total power play goals scored by a team) B being 1, the sum is 120.
- When B equals zero no average can be acquired and all time accrues.
 - When B equals 1 divide again by 60 thereby transposing the seconds into minutes. The sum is 2:00. Whereby the
- 10 **&** 2. represents whole total minutes and the fraction represents the integer, .0. The integer
 - is multiplied by 60.6, the integer calculation producing the whole number 0.
 - The integer being located the right of the whole number would display in the
- following manner: 2:00 being TEAM #2 power play
 efficiency at this time of the game.

- FORMULA #2, COMPOSITE PENALTY EFFICIENCY:

 ((P)+(2*S)*(60)+(Q)+(2*T)/(N)/(60)INT*(60.6))
 - **※** TEAM #2:

- Add P, (accrued number of minutes, in which a team has one player serving penalty time)
- P being 2 minutes, to two times S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has two players serving penalty time)
- S being 0 times 60, added to 2 equals 2. Multiply this sum 2 by 60, thereby transposing all
 - penalty minutes into 120 seconds. Add the sum of 120 seconds to Q, accrued number of seconds in which
- 15 & a team has one player serving penalty time) Q being 0 seconds, total 120.
 - Add to two times T (accrued number of seconds in which a team
 - has two players serving penalty time) T being 0 seconds times two equals 0 seconds
- the total is 120 seconds. Divide 120 seconds by N (total power play goals scored against a team) N being 0.

- When N equals 0 no average can be acquired and all penalty time accrues.
- When N equals 1 divide by 60 thereby transposing the seconds into minutes. The sum is 2.00 whereby the
 - 2 represents whole total minutes and the fraction represents the integer, .00.
- 10 **X** The integer is multiplied by 60.6, the integer calculation producing the whole number 2.
 - The integer being located to the right of the whole number 2 would display in the

following manner: 2:00 being TEAM #2 penalty efficiency
at this time of the game.

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- FORMULA #7, COMPOSITE HOT SEAT:

 ((P)+(2*S)*(60)+(Q)+(2*T)/(N)/(60)INT*(60.6))
- ▼ TEAM #1:

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Add P, (accrued number of minutes, in which a team has one player serving penalty time)

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P being 2 minutes, to two times S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has two players serving penalty time)

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- S being 0 times 0, added to 2 equals 2. Multiply this sum 2 by 60, thereby transposing all
- penalty minutes into 120 seconds. Add the sum of 120 seconds to Q, accrued number of seconds in which
 - a team has one player serving penalty time) Q being 0 seconds, total 120.
- 15 Add to two times T (accrued number of seconds in which a team
 - has two players serving penalty time) T being 0 seconds times two equals 0 seconds

- the total is 120 seconds. Divide 120 seconds by N (total power play goals scored against a team) N being 0.
- When N equals 0 no average can be acquired and all penalty time accrues.

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- When N equals 1 divide by 60 thereby transposing the seconds into minutes. The sum is 2.00 whereby the
- 2 represents whole total minutes and the fraction represents the integer, .00.
 - The integer is multiplied by 60.6, the integer calculation producing the whole number 2.
- 10 **\times** The integer being located the right of the whole number 2 would display in the
 - following manner: 2:00 being TEAM #2 Composite Hot Seat at this time of the game.

34) 5:06 - 5:39: At 5:39 a 2 minute penalty was

assessed to Team #2, thus giving Team #1 a power play beginning at 5:39.

\$60 5:39 - 11:56: A 2 minute penalty was assessed to Team #1
at 11:56

Team #1 did not score a power play goal within the allotted 2 minute power

- play time that started at 5:39. Team #1 is charged zero power play goals
- $\mbox{\ensuremath{\&}}$ for 2 minutes of 1 player and composite power play time.
- Team #2 is credited with zero goals against for 2 minutes of 1 player
- and composite penalty time against. Penalty to Team #1 begins at 11:56.
- \$6) 11:56 14:27: A 2 minute penalty was assessed to Team
 #2 at 14:27 giving Team #1 a power play. Team #2 did not
 score a power play goal within the allotted 2 minute power
 play time that started at 11:56. Team #2 is charged zero
 power
 - play goals for 2 minutes of 1 player and composite power play time.
 - Team #1 is credited with zero goals against for 2 minutes of 1 player
- and composite penalty time against. Penalty to Team #1 begins at 14:27.

- \$7) 14:27 15:08: A goal was scored by Team #2 at 15:08.
 Team #1
- power play is charged zero power play goals for 41 seconds of 1 player and
 - composite power play time. Team #2 is credited with zero goals and
- 10 **%** 41 seconds of 1 player and composite penalty efficiency time.
 - **3**8) 15:08 16:05: A 2 minute penalty was assessed at 16:05
- 15 **%** against Team #2 when 1 player was already serving penalty time.
 - Team #1 is charged zero goals and 57 seconds in 1 player
- 20 **&** and composite power play time. Team #2 is charged zero goals and 57 seconds
 - in 1 player and composite power play time against. A two player
 - advantage for 22 seconds begins at 16:05 for Team #1.

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- #9) 16:05 17:25: A 2 minute penalty was assessed to Team
 #1 during
- a power play. Team #1 expired the 22 seconds of two
 player
 - advantage at 16:27 without scoring and continued on a 1
 player advantage
- 10 \$\frac{1}{8}\$ from 16:27 to 17:25 for an additional 58 seconds of 1 player power play time.
 - Team #1 is charged zero power play goals for 22 seconds of 2 player
 - advantage time, zero goals for 58 seconds of 1 player
 advantage time
- and zero goals for 1 minute and 42 seconds of composite
 power play
 - time. Team #2 is credited with zero for 22 seconds of 2 player power
- 25 play time against, zero goals for 58 seconds of 1 player advantage

- and zero goals for 1 minute and 42 seconds of composite
 penalty
- # efficiency. When play resumed at 17:25 both teams had 1
 5 player serving
 - penalty time.

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- FORMULA #3, TWO PLAYER POWER PLAY:

 ((G) * (60) + (H) / (F) / (60) INT* (60.6))

- Multiply times 60 G (accrued number of minutes in which a team has a two
- player advantage) 0. Add to H (accrued number of seconds in which a team
 - has a two player advantage) 22. Total is 22 seconds.

 Divide by F (number
- of goals scored by a team when it has a two player advantage) 0.

- When F equals 0 indicating no two player power play goals scored for
- no average can be acquired and all time accrues. When F equals 1
 - divide sum by 60 and multiply the integer by 60.6.
- The integer being located the right of the whole number 0
 - would display in the following manner: 0:22 being TEAM
 #1 two player
- 15 **%** power play for this game.

- FORMULA #8, HOT SEAT TWO PLAYER PENALTY DISADVANTAGE:

 20 ((S)*(60)+(T)/(R)/(60)INT*(60.6))
 - TEAM #2
- Multiply times 60 S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has two

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- players serving penalty time) S being 0 time 60 equals 0 seconds. Add to T
- (accrued number of seconds in which a team has two players serving penalty
 - time. T being 22, total seconds is 22. Divide by R (number of goals scored
- 10 **x** against a team when two players are serving penalty time, R being 0.
 - When R equals 0 indicating no two player power play goals scored against
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 - equals 1 divide by 60, multiply the integer by 60.6.
 - # It would display in the following manner: 0:22 being
 TEAM #2 goaltender
 - * Hot Seat two player penalty efficiency for this game.
 - \$10)17:25 20:00: The period ended at 20:00. At 18:05

- Team #2 penalty expired. Team #2 had a 1 player advantage power play
- * 18:05 to 19:25 and did not score a goal. Team #2 is charged zero goals
 - # for 1 minute and 20 seconds of 1 player power play. Team
 #1 was credited with zero goals for 1 minute and 20 seconds
 of penalty efficiency. End #1.

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XPERIOD #2

- 15 **%**1) Game clock 0:00 to 1:01: A 2 minute penalty was assessed to Team #2, giving
 - ₹ Team #1 a power play advantage beginning at 1:01.
- 20 **3**2) 1:01 4:57: A 2 minute penalty was assessed to Team #1 and
 - Team #2. No power play advantage. Team #1 did not score

25 power play goal within the allotted 2 minute power play

time that started at

- 1:01. Team #1 is charged zero power play goals for two minutes of 1 player and composite
- 5 & power play time. Team #2 is credited with zero goals against and two minutes of 1 player
 - and composite penalty time against.
- 10 **&**3) 4:57 5:26: A goal is scored by Team #2. No players were
 - serving penalty time when the goal was scored.
- 15 **3**4) 5:26 6:38: A goal is scored by Team #1. No players were
 - serving penalty time when the goal was scored.
- 20 **%**5) 6:38 8:03: A 2 minute penalty was assessed to Team #1
 - giving Team #2 a power play advantage beginning at 8:03.
- \$\&\&\&6\) 8:03 8:33: A 2 minute penalty is assessed to Team #2

 thereby

- nullifying their power play advantage that began at 8:03.
- Team #2 is charged zero power play goals for 30 seconds
 of 1 player and
 - composite power play time. Team #1 is credited with zero goals against
- 10 for 30 seconds of 1 player and composite penalty efficiency time against.
 - Team #1 power play will begin at 10:03. Both teams now have 1 player serving
 - penalty time. (A delayed power play will begin for Team #1 at 10:03.
- \$7) 8:33 12:12: A 2 minute penalty was assessed to Team #1
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 - Team #2. No power play advantage. Team #1 did not score a power play goal
- 25 & during a power play that began at 10:03. Team #1 is charged zero power play goals for 30 seconds of 1 player and composite power play time. Team #2 is credited with zero

goals against and 30 seconds of 1 player and composite penalty

🗱 time against.

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- \$8) 12:12 13:15: A 2 minute penalty is assessed to Team #2
 giving
- Team #1 a power play advantage beginning at 13:15.

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- \$9) 13:15 19:13: A 2 minute penalty is assessed to Team #1
 giving
- Team #2 a power play advantage beginning at 19:13. Team

 #1 did not score a
 - power play goal within the allotted 2 minute power play time that started at
- 20 \$\infty\$ 13:15. Team #1 is charged zero power play goals for two minutes of 1 player and composite power play time. Team #2 is credited with zero goals against and 2 minutes of 1 player and composite penalty time against. Penalty to Team #1

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begins at 19:13.

- \$\frac{1}{2}(10) 19:13 19:17: Team #2 scores a goal a 19:17 during a 1
 player power play
- advantage. Team #2 is credited with 1 power play goal
 for 4 seconds of
 - 1 player and composite power play time. Team #1 is charged 1 power play
- 10 **&** goal against for 4 seconds of 1 player and composite penalty efficiency
 - time against.
- 15 \$\frac{1}{8}11)19:17 20:00: Time expired with no penalties or goals scored. End #2
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- 20 *PERIOD #3
 - (x1) 0:00 0:13: A 2 minute penalty was assessed to Team #1
 - giving Team #2 a power play advantage beginning at 0:13.
 - \$2) 0:13 0:30: A 2 minute penalty was assessed to Team #1

- giving Team #2 a 2 player power play advantage beginning at 0:30.
- Team #2 is charged zero goals for 17 seconds of 1 player and composite
 - power play time. Team #1 is credited zero goals against for 17 seconds
- 10 \clubsuit of 1 player and composite penalty efficiency time.
 - \$\\$3) 0:30 3:11: Team #2 is assessed a 5 minute major penalty. Team #2 did not score a goal during a 2 player power play advantage that began at 0:30

and ended at 2:13, 1 minute and 43 seconds. Team #2 also did not score

during the remainder of a 1 player power play advantage
from 2:13 through

2:30, 17 seconds. Team #2 is charged zero goals for 1 minute and 43 seconds

25 & of 2 player power play advantage time, zero goals for 17 seconds of 1

player advantage time and zero goals for 3 minutes and 43 seconds of composite power play time. Team #1 is charged zero goals against for 1 minute and 43 seconds of 2 player penalty efficiency time, zero goals for

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\$\infty\$ 17 seconds of 1 player penalty efficiency time and zero goals for 3 minutes and 43 seconds of composite penalty efficiency time against. A 5 minute major power play begins for Team #1 at 3:11.

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FORMULA #4, TWO PLAYER PENALTY EFFICIENCY:

((S)*(60)+(T)/(R)/(60)INT*(60.6))

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★ TEAM #1:

Multiply times 60 S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has two

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players serving penalty time) S being 1 time 60 equals 60 seconds. Add to T

(accrued number of seconds in which a team has two
players serving penalty

- time. T being 43, total seconds is 103. Divide by R (number of goals scored
- against a team when two players are serving penalty time, R being 0.
 - When R equals 0 indicating no two player power play goals scored against
- 10 & no average can be acquired and all time accrues. When R equals 1
 - divide by 60, multiply the integer by 60.6. The integer being located to
 - the right of the whole number would display in the following manner: 1:43
- being Team #1 two player penalty efficiency for this
 game.
 - \$4) 3:11 11:35: A 2 minute penalty was assessed to Team #1
 at 11:35 giving Team #2 a power play. Team #1 did not score
 a goal within the allotted 5

- minutes of major play time that started at 3:11. Team #1 is charged zero goals for 5 minutes of 1 player, 5 minutes of major power play time and
- 5 $\mbox{\$}$ 5 minutes of composite power play time.
 - Team #2 is credited with zero goals against for 5 minutes of 1 player,
- 5 minutes of major power play time and 5 minutes of composite penalty time against. Penalty to Team #1 begins at 11:35.

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- FORMULA #5, MAJOR POWER PLAY:
 ((G)*(60)+(H)/(F)/(60)INT*(60.6))

- Multiply times 60 G (accrued number of minutes in which a team has a major
- player advantage) G being 5 for a total of 300 seconds.

 25 Add to H (accrued

- mumber of seconds in which a team has a major power play) H being 0 for a
- total of 300 seconds. Divide by F (number of goals scored by a team when
 - $\stackrel{*}{\&}$ it has a one player advantage) 0.
- When F equals 0 indicating no major power play goals
 scored, no average can
 - be acquired and all time accrues. When F equals 1 divide by 60, multiply the
- 15 **%** integer by 60.6. The integer being located the right of the whole number 5
 - would display in the following manner: 5:00 being TEAM
 #1 major power play
- \$ for this game.
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☼ TEAM #2:

- Multiply times 60 S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has a major
- penalty) S being 5 for a total of 300 seconds. Add to T
 (accrued)
- number of seconds in which a team has a major penalty) T
 being 0 for a
 - total of 300 seconds. Divide by R (number of goals allowed by a team when
- 15 **%** it has a major penalty) 0.
 - When R equals 0 indicating no major power play goals allowed by any team
- 20 **%** no average can be acquired and all time accrues. When R equals 1
 - $\mbox{\ \ \ \ \ }$ divide by 60, multiply the integer by 60.6.
- 25 The integer being located to the right of the whole number 5 would display in the following manner: 5:00 being team #2 major penalty efficiency.

- FORMULA #9, HOT SEAT MAJOR TIME EFFICIENCY:

 ((S)*(60)+(T)/(R)/(60)INT*(60.6))
- 5 **%** TEAM #2:
 - Multiply times 60 S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has a major
- 10 **\$\frac{1}{8}\$** penalty) S being 5 for a total of 300 seconds. Add to T (accrued
 - mumber of seconds in which a team has a major penalty) T
 being 0 for a

- total of 300 seconds. Divide by R (number of goals allowed by a team when
- it has a major penalty) 0.

- When F equals 0 indicating no major power play goals allowed by any team
- no average can be acquired and all time accrues. When F equals 1
 - divide by 60, multiply the integer 60.6.

- The integer being located the right of the whole number 5
- would display in the following manner: 5:00 being TEAM #2 goaltender
 - 🗱 Hot Seat Major Time Efficiency for this game.
- 10 \$\$5)11:35 20:00: The game clock expired. Team #2 did not score a goal during
 - a 2 minute power play 11:35 through 13:35. Team #2 is charged zero goals
 - \$ scored, for 2 minutes of 1 player advantage and composite power play time.
- Team #1 is credited with zero goals against for 2 minutes of 1 player and
 - composite penalty efficiency time. End #3
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OVERTIME--None

CALCULATIONS FOR THE TYPICAL HOCKEY GAME

Under the preferred embodiment, the calculations for the above typical hockey game are as follows:

FORMULA #1, COMPOSITE POWER PLAY:

((D)+(2*G)*(60)+(E)+(2*H)/(B)/(60)INT*(60.6))

- 10 **★** TEAM #2:
 - Add D, (accrued number of minutes, in which a team has a one player advantage)
- D being 6 minutes, to two times G (accrued number of minutes in which a team has a
- has a two player advantage) G being 1 times 2, added to 6 equals 8. Multiply this sum 8 by 60, thereby transposing all
 - player advantage minutes into 480 seconds. Add the sum of 480 seconds to E,
- 25 accrued number of seconds in which a team has a one player advantage) E being 28 seconds, total 508

- \$ seconds, then add again to two times H (accrued number
 of seconds in which a team
- has a two player advantage) 43 seconds times two equals 86 seconds, total is now 594 seconds.
 - Divide 594 seconds by B (total power play goals scored by a team) B being 1, the sum is 594.
- When B equals zero no average can be acquired and all time accrues.
 - When B equals 1 divide again by 60 thereby transposing the seconds into minutes. The sum is 9.9. Whereby the
 - 9. represents whole total minutes and the fraction represents the integer, .9. The integer
- is multiplied by 60.6, the integer calculation producing the whole number 54.
 - The integer being located the right of the whole number 9 would display in the
- 25 **\$** following manner: 9:54 being TEAM #2 power play efficiency for this game.

- FORMULA #2, COMPOSITE PENALTY EFFICIENCY:

 ((P)+(2*S)*(60)+(Q)+(2*T)/(N)/(60)INT*(60.6))
- **※** TEAM #2:

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- Add P, (accrued number of minutes, in which a team has one player serving penalty time)
- P being 14 minutes, to two times S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has two players serving penalty time)
- 15 S being 2 times 0, added to 14 equals 14. Multiply this sum 14 by 60, thereby transposing all
 - penalty minutes into 840 seconds. Add the sum of 840 seconds to Q, accrued number of seconds in which
 - a team has one player serving penalty time) Q being 6 seconds, total 846.
- Add to two times T (accrued number of seconds in which a team

- has two players serving penalty time) T being 22 seconds times two equals 44 seconds.
- the total is 890 seconds. Divide 890 seconds by N (total power play goals scored against a team) N being 0.
 - When N equals 0 no average can be acquired and all penalty time accrues.
- 10 When N equals 1 divide by 60 thereby transposing the seconds into minutes. The sum is 14.83 whereby the
 - \$\text{\$\delta\$} 14. represents whole total minutes and the fraction represents the integer, .83

the integer is multiplied by 60.6, the integer calculation producing the whole number 50.

- The integer being located the right of the whole number would display in the
 - following manner: 14:50 being TEAM #2 penalty efficiency
 for this game.

- FORMULA #3, TWO PLAYER POWER PLAY:

 ((G)*(60)+(H)/(F)/(60)INT*(60.6))
- **※** TEAM #1:

- Multiply times 60 G (accrued number of minutes in which a team has a two
- player advantage) 0. Add to H (accrued number of seconds in which a team
 - has a two player advantage) 22. Total is 22 seconds.

 Divide by F (number
- of goals scored by a team when it has a two player advantage) 0.
 - When F equals 0 indicating no two player power play goals scored for

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- in any team no average can be acquired and all time accrues. When F equals
- 3 1 divide by 60 and multiply the integer by 60.6.

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The integer being located the right of the whole number

- would display in the following manner: 0:22 being TEAM
 #1 two player
- 5 🐞 power play for this game.

- ★ FORMULA #4, TWO PLAYER PENALTY EFFICIENCY:
- 10 ((S)*(60)+(T)/(R)/(60)INT*(60.6))
 - **※** TEAM #1:
- Multiply times 60 S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has two
 - players serving penalty time) S being 1 time 60 equals 60 seconds. Add to T
- 20 & (accrued number of seconds in which a team has two players serving penalty
 - time. T being 43, total seconds is 103. Divide by R (number of goals scored
 - against a team when two players are serving penalty time, R being 0.

- When R equals 0 indicating no two player power play goals scored against
- 5 & no average can be acquired and all time accrues. When R equals 1:
 - divide by 60, multiply the integer by 60.6. The integer being located to

the right of the whole number would display in the following manner: 1:43

being Team #1 two player penalty efficiency for this
game.

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- FORMULA #5, MAJOR POWER PLAY:

 20 ((G)*(60)+(H)/(F)/(60)INT*(60.6))
 - **₩** TEAM #1:
- Multiply times 60 G (accrued number of minutes in which a team has a major

- player advantage) G being 5 for a total of 300 seconds.
 Add to H:(accrued
- mumber of seconds in which a team has a major power play) H being 0 for a
 - total of 300 seconds. Divide by F (number of goals scored by a team when
- 10 🐞 it has a one player advantage) 0.
 - When F equals 0 indicating no major power play goals scored, no average can
- by 60, multiply the
 - integer by 60.6. The integer being located the right of the whole number 5
 - would display in the following manner: 5:00 being TEAM
 #1 major power play
 - for this game.

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- FORMULA #6, MAJOR PENALTY EFFICIENCY:
- ((S)*(60)+(T)/(R)/(60)INT*(60.6))
- ★ TEAM #2:

- Multiply times 60 S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has a major
- penalty) S being 5 for a total of 300 seconds. Add to T
 (accrued
 - number of seconds in which a team has a major penalty) T being 0 for a
- 15 **%** total of 300 seconds. Divide by R (number of goals allowed by a team when
 - t it has a major penalty) 0.
- 20 When R equals 0 indicating no major power play goals allowed by any team
 - no average can be acquired and all time accrues. When R equals 1

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 \bigstar divide by 60, multiply the integer by 60.6.

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SOALTENDER STATISTICS:

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All goaltender statistics are determined according appearance / time-in

10 🐞 time-out during the course of events.

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FORMULA #7, COMPOSITE HOT SEAT:

15 ((P) + (2*S)*(60) + (Q) + (2*T) / (N) / (60) INT*(60.6))

★ TEAM #2:

Add P, (accrued number of minutes, in which a team has one player serving penalty time)

P being 14 minutes, to two times S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has two players serving penalty time)

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S being 0 times 2, added to 14 equals 14. Multiply this sum 14 by 60, thereby transposing all

- penalty minutes into 840 seconds. Add the sum of 840
 seconds to Q, accrued
- 5 mumber of seconds in which a team has one player serving penalty time) Q being 6 seconds, total 846.
 - Add to two times T (accrued number of seconds in which a team

- has two players serving penalty time) T being 22 seconds times two equals 44 seconds.
- the total is 890 seconds. Divide 890 seconds by N (total power play goals scored against a team) N being 0.
 - When N equals 0 indicating no power play goals scored against a goaltender
- 20 % no average can be acquired and all time accrues. When N equals 1
 - divide by 60 thereby transposing the seconds into minutes. The sum is 14.83 whereby the

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\$ 14. represents whole total minutes and the fraction
represents the integer, .83

- the integer is multiplied by 60.6, the integer calculation producing the whole number 50.
- 5 **%** The integer being located the right of the whole number 14 would display in the
 - following manner: 14:50 being TEAM #2 Hot Seat
 efficiency for this game.

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FORMULA #8, HOT SEAT TWO PLAYER PENALTY DISADVANTAGE:

((S)*(60)+(T)/(R)/(60)INT*(60.6))

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※ TEAM #2

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- 20 Multiply times 60 S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has two
 - players serving penalty time) S being 0 time 60 equals 0 seconds. Add to T

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(accrued number of seconds in which a team has two
players serving penalty

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- time. T being 22, total seconds is 22. Divide by R (number of goals scored
- 5 against a team when two players are serving penalty time, R being 0.
 - When R equals 0 indicating no two player power play goals scored against
 - a goaltender no average can be acquired and all time
 accrues. When R
 - equals 1 divide by 60, multiply the integer by 60.6.
 - It would display in the following manner: 0:22 being TEAM #2 goaltender
 - * Hot Seat two player penalty efficiency for this game.
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 - FORMULA #9, HOT SEAT MAJOR TIME EFFICIENCY: ((S)*(60)+(T)/(R)/(60)INT*(60.6))
 - **※** TEAM #2:

- Multiply times 60 S (accrued number of minutes in which a team has a major
- penalty) S being 5 for a total of 300 seconds. Add to T

 (accrued)
 - number of seconds in which a team has a major penalty) T being 0 for a
- 10 **x** total of 300 seconds. Divide by R (number of goals allowed by a team when
 - \aleph it has a major penalty) 0.
- When F equals 0 indicating no major power play goals allowed by any team
 - no average can be acquired and all time accrues. When F equals 1
 - divide by 60, multiply the integer 60.6.
 - The integer being located the right of the whole number 5
 - would display in the following manner: 5:00 being TEAM
 #2 goaltender

- * Hot Seat Major Time Efficiency for this game.
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- R (total goals against) 5, minus S (power play goals against) for a sum
- of 4. Divide by Q minus T (Q being total minutes played by a goaltender)
 - \$\delta 40, (T being total power play time faced by a goaltender) 6 minutes for
 - a total of 34. The 5 goals allowed minus the 1 power play goal divided by
- 34 minutes equal 0.11 parts of an earned goal per minute
 of even strength

- time. Multiply times 60, the standard amount of time in a hockey game. The
- total of 7.05 is the average amount of even strength goals allowed per
 - every 60 minutes of even strength time faced by Team #1 goaltender
- 10 🐞 identified as #31 in this game.

DEFINITIONS

The definitions applicable to the above calculations are as follows:

%PRD#: PERIOD OF PLAY

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TEAM PP#: POWER PLAY OPPORTUNITY BY TEAM NUMBER

₩IN: ELAPSED GAME CLOCK TIME-IN

25 **SOUT:** ELAPSED GAME CLOCK TIME-OUT

SPPTB: POWER PLAY TIME BEGIN

MLTH: MAXIMUM LENGTH POWER PLAY TIME IN MINUTES

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- ☼PA: PLAYER ADVANTAGE: 1 PLAYER/2 PLAYER/MAJOR TIME
- TGS: ELAPSED TIME GAME CLOCK ALL GOALS SCORED

*PEN: ELAPSED TIME GAME CLOCK ALL PENALTIES

OPP GLTNDR: OPPOSING GOALTENDER

10 **CORPOSING GOALTENDER SWEATER NUMBER**

MMP: TEAMS OPPOSING GOALTENDER ELAPSED TIME MINUTES PLAYED BETWEEN

15 TIME-IN TIME-OUT (ROUNDED OUT TO NEAREST MINUTE PER 30 SECONDS OF PLAYING TIME)

🔅GA: OPPOSING GOALTENDER TOTAL GOALS AGAINST

20 **\$1-PLAYER: 1-PLAYER POWER PLAY ADVANTAGE**

☼G: 1-PLAYER POWER PLAY GOALS SCORED

₩M: 1-PLAYER POWER PLAY MINUTES

S: 1-PLAYER POWER PLAY SECONDS

- \$2-PLAYER 2-PLAYER POWER PLAY ADVANTAGE
- ∰G: 2-PLAYER POWER PLAY GOALS SCORED
- 5 M: 2-PLAYER POWER PLAY MINUTES
 - S: 2-PLAYER POWER PLAY SECONDS
 - MAJOR: MAJOR POWER PLAY ADVANTAGE
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- ₩G: MAJOR TIME POWER PLAY GOALS SCORED
- ☼M: MAJOR TIME POWER PLAY MINUTES
- 15 S: MAJOR TIME POWER PLAY SECONDS
 - COMPOSITE: COMPOSITE POWER PLAY ADVANTAGE
 - **☼**G: COMPOSITE POWER PLAY GOALS SCORED
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- M: COMPOSITE POWER PLAY MINUTES
- S: COMPOSITE POWER PLAY SECONDS
- 25 RUNNING TIME: SUB TOTAL OF POWER PLAY GOALS/POWER PLAY TIME CREDITED TO A TEAM

- BY TIME-IN / TIME-OUT OF GAME.
- ☼1-PLAYER: 1-PLAYER POWER PLAY ADVANTAGE
- 5 💥G: 1-PLAYER POWER PLAY GOALS SCORED
 - XM: 1-PLAYER POWER PLAY MINUTES
 - S: 1-PLAYER POWER PLAY SECONDS

- \$2-PLAYER 2-PLAYER POWER PLAY ADVANTAGE
- ĞG: 2-PLAYER POWER PLAY GOALS SCORED
- 15 M: 2-PLAYER POWER PLAY MINUTES
 - S: 2-PLAYER POWER PLAY SECONDS
 - ☼MAJOR: MAJOR POWER PLAY ADVANTAGE

- ĞG: MAJOR TIME POWER PLAY GOALS SCORED
- M: MAJOR TIME POWER PLAY MINUTES
- 25 S: MAJOR TIME POWER PLAY SECONDS
 - COMPOSITE: COMPOSITE POWER PLAY ADVANTAGE

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☆G: COMPOSITE POWER PLAY GOALS SCORED

XM: COMPOSITE POWER PLAY MINUTES

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S: COMPOSITE POWER PLAY SECONDS

*OPPOSING GOALTENDER: OPPOSING TEAMS GOALTENDER APPEARING IN GAME AT TIME OF EVENT

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On page 21, in the section entitled `References To Related Applications'', please delete lines 2-5 and insert:

--This application is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/664,406, filed June 17, 1996, which is a continuation of application serial no. 08/116,249, filed September 2, 1993, now U.S. patent no. 5,527,033, dated June 18, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 07/579,410, filed September 7, 1990, now abandoned.--

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On page 31, after line 16, please add the following:

apparatus for determining performance -indicating numbers in sports games, particularly in ice hockey, includes a database having sports games box scores stored therein. The database is stored in a tangible electronic media, such as magnetic media, optical media, electronic media, paper, thermosetting polymers, rubber, metals, or other suitable storage media. Such media includes computer diskettes, magnetic tape, optical disks, random access memory, read only memory, computer punch cards, and other volatile, temporary, and/or permanent memory devices. The database scores box scores, such as start time, stop time, team 1 goals and time of goals, team 1 goalies A and B goals and power plays, and team 2 goalies A and B goals and power plays.

The apparatus for determining performance -indicating numbers in sports games, particularly in ice hockey is turned on at a start switch and a first database is initialized to run, which simulates the start of a hockey game. The database is stored in random access memory as cells of matrix row and column data, such that a first row and column of a conventional sports game box score, of a database is stored as rows and columns and other rows and columns are stored as further rows and columns. Each row of data is read into a bus as a matrix. After initialization each cell of the respective rows are read into the bus. Intermediate statistics are determined electronically. The

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intermediate statistics, such as accrued time and power play goals, are determined for a variety of conditions, as described in formulae, which are then communicated to a calculator or computer for computation of final statistics.

A time chart may be displayed. After data is processed, then the incrementer increments the database to further rows and columns and the further data is read into the bus, and the intermediate statistics, the final statistics and the visual display are again determined. The incrementer continues to increment each subsequent row through a series of rows, until the data are completely read onto the bus. Then the intermediate statistics, the final statistics and the visual display are again determined.

With the apparatus of the present invention, the performance indicating statistics can be electronically displayed after a game or during a game on the aforesaid tangible media, which may include among others, a video split screen display during the course of a game, a sports arena electronic scoreboard, or on any other video display, such as a global communications network or a television show.—

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On page 34, after line 13, please add the following:

--Figure 19 is a block diagram an apparatus 110 for determining performance -indicating numbers in sports games, particularly in ice hockey;

Figure 20 shows a database stored in a random access tangible media, describing a box score showing a running clock display throughout the game, with reference to both teams playing the hockey game;

Figure 21 is a database stored in a random access tangible media, describing intermediate statistics generated by the apparatus 110 for determining performance -indicating numbers in sports games, particularly in ice hockey, using the box score of Figure 20;

Figure 22 is a database stored in a random access tangible media, describing final statistics generated by

20 manipulating the intermediate statistics data of Figure 21; and

Figure 23 is a database stored in a random access tangible media, describing a final display configuration perceptible by a user.

On page 64, after line 23, please add the following:

-- In the preferred embodiment of the invention, an apparatus for determining performance-indicating numbers in 5 sports games, particularly in ice hockey, includes a database having sports games box scores stored therein. The database is stored in a tangible electronic media, such as magnetic media, optical media, electronic media, paper, thermosetting polymers, rubber, metals, or other suitable 10 storage media. Such media includes computer diskettes, magnetic tape, optical disks, random access memory, read only memory, computer punch cards, and other volatile, temporary, and/or permanent memory devices. The database 15 scores box scores, such as start time, stop time, team 1 goals and time of goals, team 1 goalies A and B goals and power plays, and team 2 goalies A and B goals and power plays.

As shown in Figure 19, the apparatus 110 for determining performance -indicating numbers in sports games, particularly in ice hockey is turned on at start switch 112 and a first database 114 is initialized to run by incrementer 116, which simulates the start of a hockey game.

The database 114 is stored in random access memory as cells of matrix row and column data, such that row 1, column 1 of box score 118, shown in Figure 20, of database 114 is stored

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as D_{11} , row 1, column 2 is stored as D_{12} , and row m, column n is stored as D_{mn} . Each row of data is read into bus 120 as a matrix of cells D_{11} through D_{mn} . After initialization each cell of row 1, i.e., D_{11} through D_{1n} , represented as $D_{11} \dots D_{1n}$, is read into the bus 120. A second database 122 of intermediate statistics, as shown in Figure 21 are determined and stored in random access memory, as shown in the block diagram of Figure 19, which will be further described. The second database intermediate statistics 122, accrued time and power play goals are determined for a variety of conditions, as described in formulae 1-10, which are then communicated to a calculator or computer for computation of final statistics 124 as shown in Fig. 22. A time chart (not shown) may be optionally displayed based upon final statistics 124 shown in Figure 23. A time chart (not shown) may be optionally displayed based upon final statistics 124 shown in Figure 23.

After data D₁₁....D_{1n} is processed, the incrementer 116

20 increments the database 114 to row 2 and data D₂₁...D_{2n} is read into bus 120, the intermediate statistics 122, the final statistics 124 and the optional visual display are again determined. The incrementer 116 continues to increment each row through Row m and, until the data D₁₁....D_{1n} through 25 and D_{m1}...D_{mn} are completely read onto the bus 120, and the intermediate statistics 122, the final statistics 124 and the optional visual display are determined.

With the apparatus of the present invention, the performance indicating statistics can be electronically displayed after a game or during a game on the aforesaid tangible media, which may include among others, a video split screen display during the course of a game, a sports arena electronic scoreboard, or on any other video display, such as a global communications network or a television show.

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Now, in more detail, as shown in FIG. 19, the start switch 112 initializes and turns on timer 128 at substantially the same time as the incrementer 116 is initialized. After initialization, the data cells $D_{11} \dots D_{1n}$ are read from the database 114 onto the bus 120 and routed from the bus 120 for processing by appropriate circuitry to be herein described. Each of the cells $D_{11} \dots D_{1n}$ is processed by the circuitry before the incrementer 116 increments to the next row of the database 114.

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Elapsed game time-out (D_4) is routed to comparator 130. When the time generated by the timer 128 reaches the time indicated by the elapsed game time-out (D_4) , the comparator 130 turns trigger 132 on, which transmits a trigger pulse to the incrementer 116, which then increments the database 114 to row 2, and so on, until row m is reached.

Power play time begin (D_5) is routed to comparator 134. When the time generated by the timer 128 reaches the time indicated by the power play time (D_5) , the comparator 134 turns trigger 136 on, which transmits a trigger pulse to AND gate and AND gate 140. If there is a signal present from NOT gate 140, then the trigger pulse from the trigger 136 is sent to programmable timer 142 as a start pulse, which starts the programmable timer 142.

Maximum length power play time in minutes (D_6) is routed to the programmable timer 142 and is used to set time duration of the programmable timer 142, such that the programmable timer 142 runs for the duration of maximum length power play time in minutes (D_6) .

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Penalty, in this case for Team 2 (D_{13}) , is routed to storage device 144, which stores the penalty (D_{13}) until the power play time begin (D_5) begins.

During the time that the programmable timer 142 is running and the penalty, for example for Team 2 (D₁₃) is routed to AND circuits 146 and 148, time in minutes and seconds are accrued in adders 150 and 152, respectively.

The accrued time in minutes and seconds is routed from the adders 150 and 152 to cells designated as accrued time P and accrued time Q in database 152 for intermediate statistics stored in random access memory, respectively. The

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incrementer 116 increments rows of each of the respective databases 152 and 114 in synchronization one to the other, such that as data is read out of a row, for example row x, of the database 114, manipulated data is read into row x of the database 152.

If a goal is scored, for example for Team 1, then elapsed game clock all goals scored (D_7) is routed to comparator 154, such that the comparator 154 has an output at the time indicated for the goal scored (D_7) when the timer 128 output, which is also routed to the comparator 154, reaches the time indicated by D_7 .

Power play goal by team number (D_2) and the output of the comparator 154 are routed to AND circuit 156, which resets the programmable timer 142, when a power play is scored by Team 1.

 ${\rm D_7}$ and ${\rm D_2}$ are also routed to AND circuit 158, which coutes an output signal to Goal N for Team 1 in the database 152 for intermediate statistics.

If there is a two player penalty, then programmable timer 160 is activated substantially the same manner as the programmable timer 142, and two player advantage statistics are routed to the database 152.

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Additional programmable timers (not shown) and associated circuitry (not shown), which is substantially the same as the aforedescribed programmable timers and associated circuitry, for one player and player advantages and goals of the opposing team are incorporated into the apparatus 110 for determining performance -indicating numbers in sports games, particularly in ice hockey.

The intermediate statistics from the database 152 may

10 be optionally manipulated by a computer and/or calculator to
arrive at final statistics for the hockey game.

A time chart display may be optionally displayed on a cathode ray tube, monitor, or television showing goals scored as the ordinate and with respect to time during each period as the abscissa.

IN THE CLAIMS:

20 Please cancel pending Claims 1-19 and 21, and add new Claims 22 through 25 as follows:

22. In a converting device for converting a box score in a hockey game eventually to final statistics relative to composite power play, composite penalty efficiency, two-player power play, two-player penalty efficiency, major power play, major penalty efficiency, composite hot seat,

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hot seat two-player disadvantage, hot seat major disadvantage, or earned goal average, and wherein said final statistics are, in turn, obtainable from intermediate statistical data, the improvement being wherein said intermediate statistical data are identifiable by a combination of respective characters within, and are routable to a calculating means so as to obtain statistics therefrom, comprising in combination:

converting means for obtaining said intermediate statistical data from said box score, said converting device including:

a database for storing said box score;

means for converting said box score to accrued time and goals scored during power plays of opposing teams; and

storage means for storing said accrued time and goals scored in an intermediate statistical database.

- 23. The converting device according to claim 22, wherein said converting means further comprises a timer.
 - 24. In a converting device for converting a box score in a simulated hockey game eventually to final statistics relative to composite power play, composite penalty efficiency, two-player power play, two-player penalty efficiency, major power play, major penalty efficiency, composite hot seat, hot seat two-player disadvantage, hot

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seat major disadvantage, or earned goal average, and wherein said final statistics are, in turn, obtainable from intermediate statistical data, the improvement being wherein said intermediate statistical data are identifiable by a combination of respective characters within, and are routable to a calculating means so as to obtain statistics therefrom, comprising in combination:

converting means for obtaining said intermediate statistical data from said box score, said converting device including:

a database for storing said box score;

- means for converting said box score to accrued time and goals scored during power plays of opposing teams; and
- storage means for storing said accrued time and goals scored in an intermediate statistical database.
 - 25. The converting device according to claim 24, wherein said converting means further comprises a timer.

REMARKS

Applicant submits the within preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification and claims.

25 Prior to an examination on the merits, please enter the foregoing preliminary amendment.

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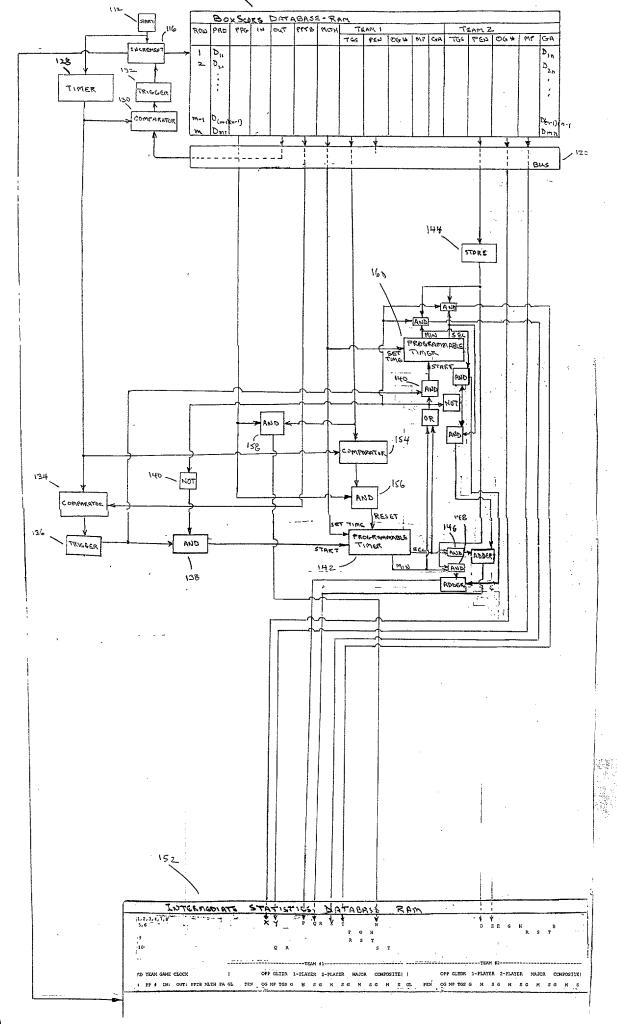


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

APPLICANT:

Anthony Puma

SERIAL NO.:

07/579,410

FILED:

Sept.7, 1990

EXAMINER:

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GROUP ART UNIT:

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MAILING DATE OF ACTION:

April 2, 1993

TITLE:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

CALCULATING A COMPARATIVE SCORING RATING FOR TEAMS AND PLAYERS IN A

HOCKEY GAME

Applicant hereby requests a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated April 2, 1993 from July 2, 1993 to September 2, 1993 and submits an extension fee of \$180 herein.

Date: Sept. 2, 1993

Alfred MV Walker

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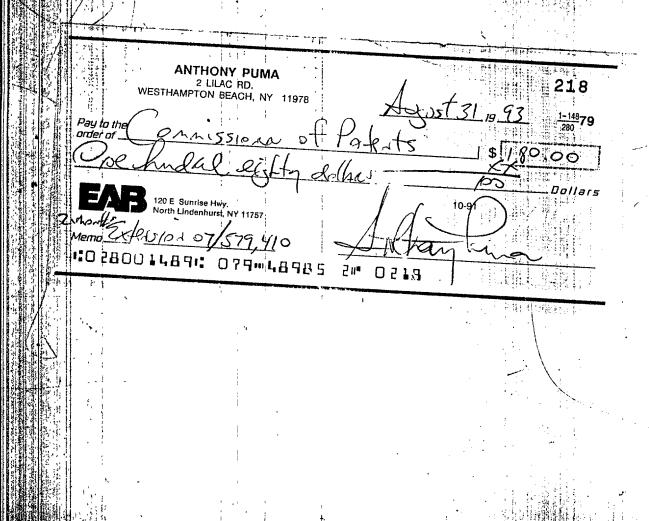
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INDICATING NUMBERS IN SPORTS GAMES,

PARTICULARLY IN ICE-HOCKEY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find:

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS

In response to the Notice of Missing Parts dated July 25, 1996, Applicant hereby submits the following:

Check in the amount of \$495.00, which includes filing fee of \$375.00, surcharge of \$65.00 and one month extension fee (August 25, 1996 to September 25, 1996) of \$55.00;

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 25, 1996

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.60 FILING DATE GRANTED

A filing date has been granted to this application filed under 37 CFR 1.60. However, the items indicated below are missing. The required items and fees identified below must be timely submitted ALONG WITH THE PAYMENT OF A SURCHARGE for items 1 and 3 of \$ _______ for small entities who have complied with 37 CFR 1.28(a). The submitted ALONG WITH THE PAYMENT OF A SURCHARGE for items 1 and 3 of \$ _______ for small entities who have complied with 37 CFR 1.28(a). The submitted ALONG WITH THE PAYMENT OF A SURCHARGE for items 1 and 3 of \$ _______ for small entities who have complied with 37 CFR 1.28(a). The submitted ALONG WITH THE PAYMENT OF A SURCHARGE for items 1 and 3 of \$ _______ for small entities who have complied with 37 CFR 1.28(a). for small entities who have complied with 37 CFR 1.28(a). The surcharge is set forth in 37 CFR 1.16 (e).

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Applicant is given ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER, OR TWO MONTHS FROM THE FILING DATE of this application, WHICHEVER IS LATER, within which to file all required items and pay any fees required above to

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Kindly please amend as follows:

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- p. 12, 1. 15, replace "too" with --to--;
- p. 15, 1. 17, after "not" add --in--;
- p. 16, 1. 2, replace "man" with --men--;
- p. 17, last line, change "is" to --in--;
- p. 20, 1. 19, replace "post" with --posts--;
- p. 27, 11. 6, 10, 17, and 21, after "seconds" add --in--;
 - 11. 8, 15, and 19, after "minutes" add --in--;
 - last line, replace "they have" with --it has--;
- p. 28, 11. 2 and 20, after "minutes" add --in--;
 - 1. 8, delete "at a";
 - 11. 10 and 12, delete "a";

- 11. 10 and 20, after "minutes" add --in--;
- 11. 12 and 22, after "seconds" add --in--;
- 1. 15, replace "man" with --men--;
- 1. 18, replace "they have" with --it has--;
- p. 29, 1. 1, after "minutes" add --in--;
 - 1. 3, after "seconds" add --in--;
- p. 31. 11. 7, 14, and 16, replace "they are" with --it is--;
 - . 11. 11 and 18, replace "their" with --its--;
- p. 32, 1. 3, replace man with -- player --;
 - 11. 4 and 6, replace "they are" with --it is--;
- p. 36, 1 6, delete ".";
 - 1. 16, replace "their" with --its--;
- p. 47, second line up, replace "the' with --an--;
- p. 48, 6th line up from bottom, delete one occurrance of "mobile"
- p. 55. 1. 15, after "to" add --a--;
- p. 56. 1. 9, change "ree" to --reel--;
- p. 59, 1. 8, change "90" to --98--;
- p. 60, 1. 4, after "70" add --is--;
 - 1. 9, after "while" add --Fig.--;
- p. 62, 1. 5, change "rotating" to --rotation--;
- p. 66, last line, change "adn" to --and--;
- p. 67, 7th line up from bottom, delete "is";
- p. 69, 1. 11, replace "LLENGTH" with --LENGTH--;
 - 1. 13, replace "this is" with --the rules are--;

- p. 70, 1. 3, after "B" add -- The tape dispenser includes tapes of respective multiple colors."
- p. 71, 1. 7, after "on" add --the--;
- p. 73, 11. 9 and 24, replace "man" with --players--;
 - 11. 12, 17 and 26, replace "man" with --player--;
- p. 75, 11. 5, 18 and 23, replace each occurrance of "man" with _______;
 - 1. 6, after "on" add --in--;
- p. 76, 11. 13 and 16, after "on" add --the--;
 - 1. 26, replace "an" with --player--;
 - 1. 4, after "on" add --the";
 - 11. 1, 17, and 20, replace "man" with --player--;
- p. 78, 11. 1, 8, 11 and 16, replace "man" with --player--;
- p. 80, 1. 13, change "time" to --timing--;
 - 1. 17, change "the longitudinal timing chart to --said timing chart, which is longitudinal--;
 - 1. 20, correct the spelling of "followed":
- p. 82, 11. 10, 11, 12 and 20, change "position" to --placement--;
- p. 83, delete in its entirety (it was a duplicate of page 82):
- p. 84, 4th line up, change "include" to --including--;
- p. 88, 1. 18, change "dis-played" to --displayed--;
- p. 89, 8th line up from bottom, correct the spelling of "chain";
- p. 91, 1. 2, after "to" add --said--;
- p. 92, 3rd line up from bottom, before "is" add --and wherein the connecting device--; change "time" to --having a timing chart--.

Remarks.

The present amendment mainly corrects minor spelling and typographical errors, and it is respectfully requested that it be entered.

Respectfully submitted

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the pending application as follows:

Please add new Claim 21:

--21. In a converting device for converting a box score in a simulated hockey game eventually to final statistics relating to composite power play, composite penalty efficiency, two-player power play, two-player penalty efficiency, major power play, major penalty efficiency, composite hot seat, hot seat two-player disadvantage, hot seat major disadvantage, or earned goal average, and wherein said final statistics are, in turn, obtainable from intermediate statistical data, the improvement being wherein said intermediate statistical data are identifiable by a combination of respective indicia, and are feedable into a calculating means so as to obtain final statistics therefrom, comprising in combination:

a means for displaying a time chart;

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converting means for obtaining said intermediate statistical data from said box score, said converting device including:

said means for displaying a time chart being calibrated at predetermined intervals, denotable for a first of indicia associated with a first entrant team and a second set of indicia associated with a second entrant team normally opposing said first entrant team;

a visual indicating means for displaying said first set of indicia and said second set of indicia;

a measuring means for measuring and comparing said first set of indicia with said second set of indicia at said predetermined intervals;

means for recording said first set of indicia and said second set of indicia in a visually readable form;

marking means for visually displaying said first set of indicia and said second set of indicia upon said time chart;

said measuring means comparing said first set of indicia and said second set of indicia, said first set of indicia and said second set of indicia each comprising separately an actual number of minutes and seconds served in penalty time in a game by the first team entrant and the second team entrant;

said first set of indicia being indicative of the scoring or defending ability of the first team entrant, said second set of indicia being indicative of the scoring or defending ability of the second team entrant;

said measuring means comparing said first set of indicia and said second set of indicia and producing an output of a comparative ranking of said first set of indicia of said first entrant team with respect to rankings of said second set of indicia of said second team entrant;

means for converting the output to actual time in minutes and seconds;

means for displaying the comparative ranking data onto said visual display. --

REMARKS

As a second preliminary amendment, Applicant amends the application by adding new Claim 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 28 , 1994

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THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

As a preliminary amendment, Applicant amends the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 27, line 4, after "(60)" please add --INT*(60.6)--.

On page 27, line 13, after "advantage" please add --INT = Integer--.

On page 27, line 15, after "(60)" please add --INT*(60.6)--

On page 27, line 24, after "time" please add --INT = Integer--

On page 27, line 26, after "(60)" please add --INT*(60.6)--

On page 28, line 5, after "advantage" please add --INT = Integer--

On page 28, line 7, after "(60)" please add --INT*(60.6)--

On page 28, line 15, after "equation" please add --INT = Integer--

On page 28, line 17, after "(60)" please add --INT*(60.6)--

On page 28, line 23, after "advantage" please add --INT = Integer--.

On page 28, line 25, after "(60)" please add --INT*(60.6)--

On page 29, line 8, after "efficiency" please add --INT = Integer--

On page 29, line 10, after "(60)", please add --INT*(60.6)--

On page 29, line 19, after "time" please add --INT = Integer--

On page 29, line 21, after "(60)" please add --INT*(60.6)--

On page 29, line 27, after "time" please add --INT = Integer--

On page 30, line 2, after "(60)" please add --INT*(60.6)--

On page 30, line 8, after "time" please add --INT = Integer--

On page 30, line 10, after "(60)" please add --INT*(60.6)--

On page 30, line 14, after "goaltender" please add --INT = Integer--

REMARKS

As a preliminary amendment, Applicant adds the above noted amendments to the specification, which include further refinements of the algorithm in the software contained in the specification filed on Sept. 2, 1993, which refinements were published on July 23, 1993 in Applicant's related copyright registration TX 578 944 entitled "Hockey: Special Teams Statistics/Time Frame Basis". These refinements were inadvertently left out of Applicant's above identified patent application filed September 2, 1993.

Applicant submits that the subject matter is allowable, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 28, 1994

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement dated Sept. 26, 1994, Applicant hereby elects to restrict the pending application to the invention designated as Group I, namely in Claims 1-19 and 21 drawn to a hockey score converting device.

Respectfully submitted,

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a means for displaying a time chart;

converting means for obtaining said intermediate statistical data from said box score, said converting device including:

said means for displaying a time chart being calibrated at predetermined intervals, denotable for a first of indicia associated with a first entrant team and a second set of indicia associated with a second entrant team normally opposing said first entrant team;

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said measuring means comparing said first set of indicia and said second set of indicia and producing an output of a comparative ranking of said first set of indicia of said first entrant team with respect to rankings of said second set of indicia of said second team entrant;

means for converting the output to actual time in minutes and seconds;

means for displaying the comparative ranking data onto said visual display;

all of said means being operating in accordance with the relationships in the following formulas:

((D5) + (2*G5) * (60) + (E5) + (2*H5) / (B5) /(60)) where D is the accrued number of minutes in which a team has a one man advantage and where E is the accrued number of seconds beyond whole minutes in which a team has a one man advantage and where H is the accrued number of seconds beyond whole minutes in which a team has a two man advantage, where B is the total number of power plays goals scored by a team, where G is the number of minutes in which a team has a two man advantage and where 5 is an arbitrary number associated to identify a team;

((P5) + (2*S5) * (60) + (Q5) + (2*T5) / (N5) / (60)) where P is the accrued number of minutes in which a team has one player serving penalty time and where S is the accrued number of minutes in which a team has two players serving penalty time and where Q is the accrued number of seconds beyond whole minutes in which a team has one player serving

penalty time and where T is the accrued number of seconds beyond whole minutes in which a team has two players serving penalty time where N is the total number of power play goals scored against a team and where 5 is an arbitrary number associated to identify a team;

$$(G*60) + (H5) / (F5) / (60)$$

where G is the accrued number of minutes in which a team has two players serving penalties and where t is the accrued number of seconds beyond whole minutes in which a team has two players serving major time penalties, in which r is the number of goals scored against a team when it has two players serving penalties and where 5 is an arbitrary number associated to identify a team;

$$((V5*60) + (W5) / (U5) / (60))$$

where U is the number of goals scored by a team when they possess a major time advantage, where V is the accrued number of minutes in which a team has a major time advantage, where W is the accrued number of seconds beyond whole minutes in which a team has a major time advantage, where * is the symbol for the arithmetical function of multiplication, where / is the symbol for the arithmetical function of division, where + is the symbol for the arithmetical function of addition and where 5 is an arbitrary number associated to identify a team;

$$((y5)*60) + (z5) / (x5) / (60)$$

where x is the number of goals scored against a team when it is serving major time penalties, where y is the accrued

number of minutes in which a team is serving major time penalties, where z is the accrued number of seconds beyond whole minutes in which a team is serving a major time disadvantage, where * is the symbol for the arithmetical function of multiplication, where / is the symbol for the arithmetical function of division, where + is the symbol for the arithmetical function of addition and where 5 is an arbitrary number associated to identify a team.—

REMARKS

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SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATION

As a supplementary declaration in support of the Amendment filed March 15, 1995, Co-Applicant Anthony Puma states as follows upon information and belief:

No new matter is added in the substitute specification filed on March 15, 1995.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false stalements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.60

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.60 of pending prior application Serial Number 08/116,249, filed on September 2, 1993, entitled APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING PERFORMANCE-INDICATING NUMBERS IN SPORT GAMES, PARTICULARLY IN ICE-HOCKEY, which application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/579,410 filed September 7, 1190 entitled "Apparatus and Method for Calculating a Comparative Scoring Rating for Teams and Players in a Hockey Game" by the following named inventors:

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No abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred in the above entitled prior application. The prior application is not being abandoned.

- 1. A preliminary amendment will follow.
- 2. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application, as amended by the foregoing referenced preliminary amendment:

Total Claims:

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Independent Claims:

The filing fee for the continuation application is \$375.00 for the base filing fee and \$0 for 0 independent claim in excess of three, for a total of \$375.00.

- 3. Please amend the Specification by inserting before line 1 (after the title of the invention), at page 1, the sentence:
- --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/116,249, filed September 2, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/579,410, filed September 7, 1990.
- 4. The power of attorney/authorization of agent in the prior application is to:

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5. A true copy of the prior application, including the drawings and declaration, as filed is enclosed. A copy of the Response to Missing Parts, including the signed declaration and small entity statements is also enclosed,

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together with the later filed preliminary amendment and substitute specification.

- 6. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
- 7. The undersigned states that the enclosed application papers comprise a true copy of the prior application as filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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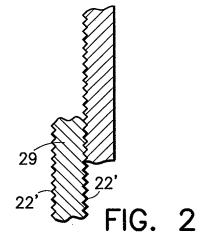
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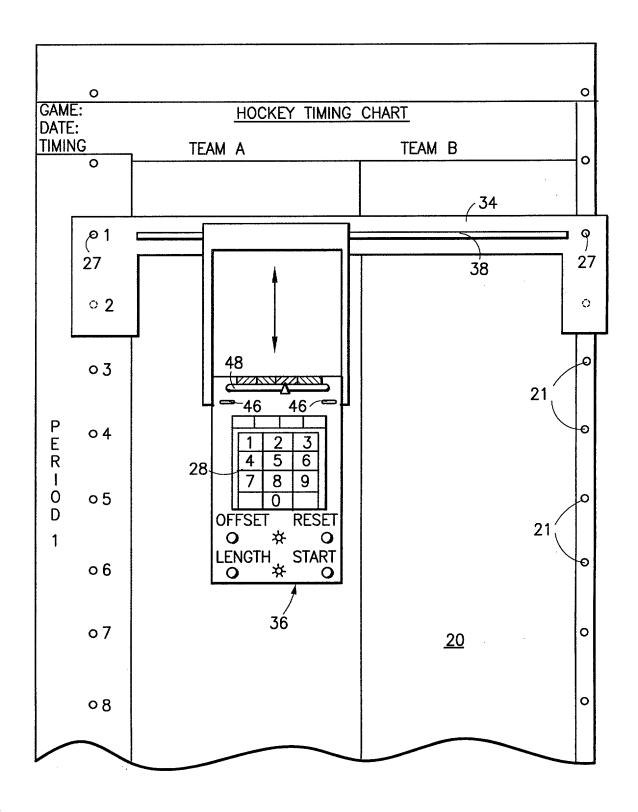


FIG. 3

FIG. 3A

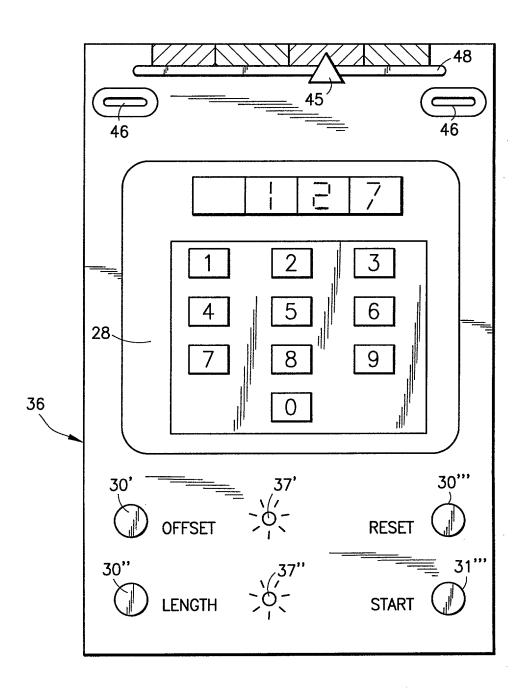
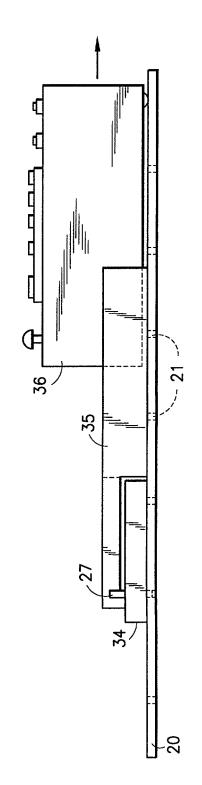
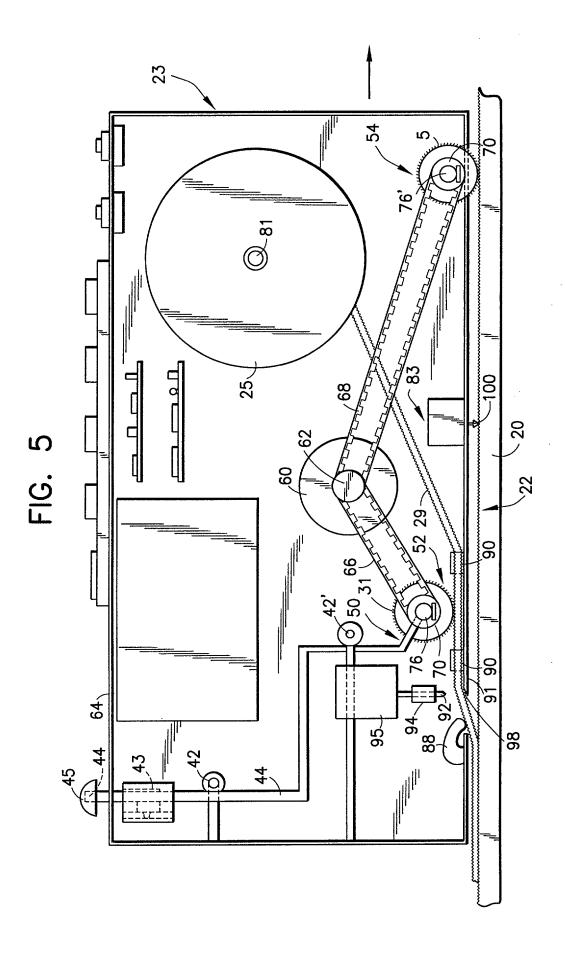
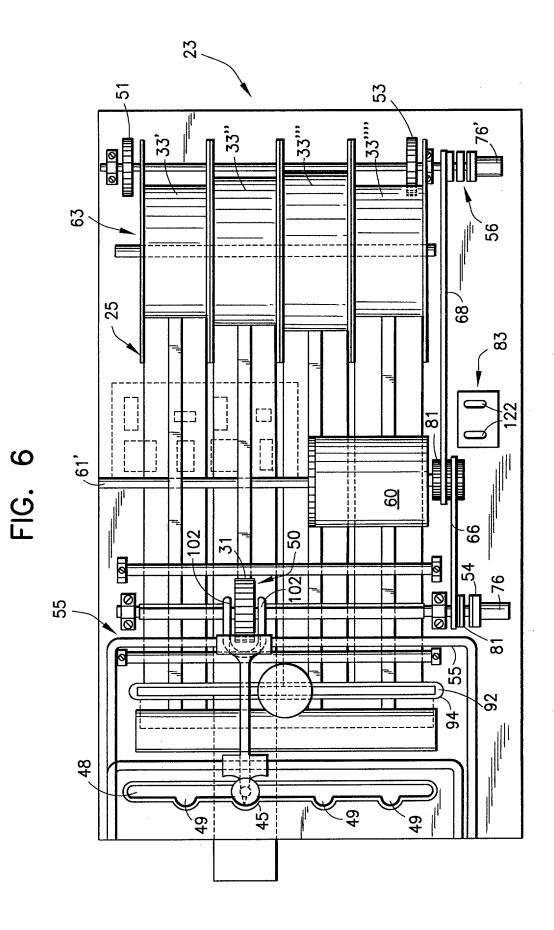


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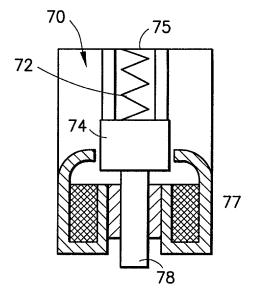


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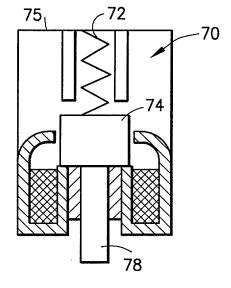
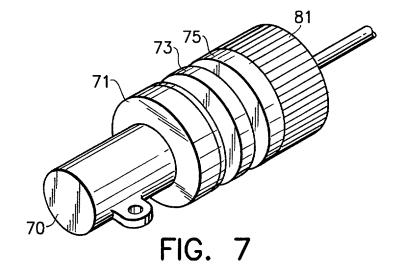


FIG. 6B



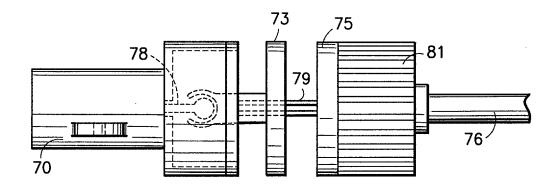
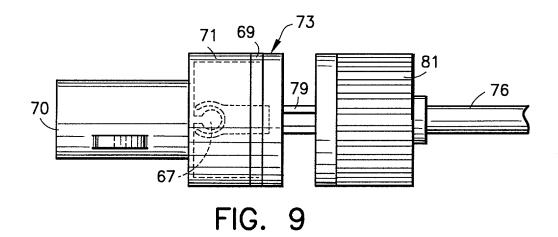
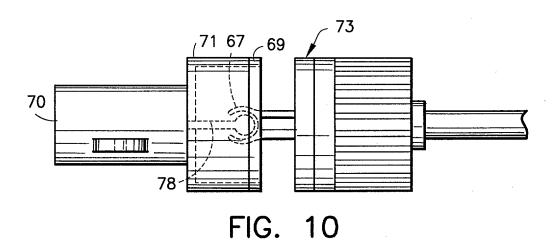
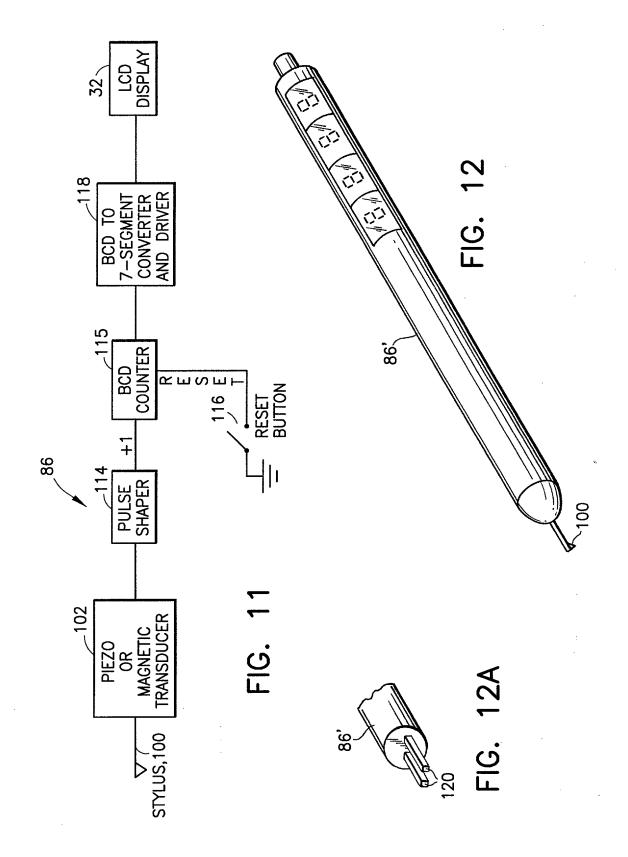


FIG. 8







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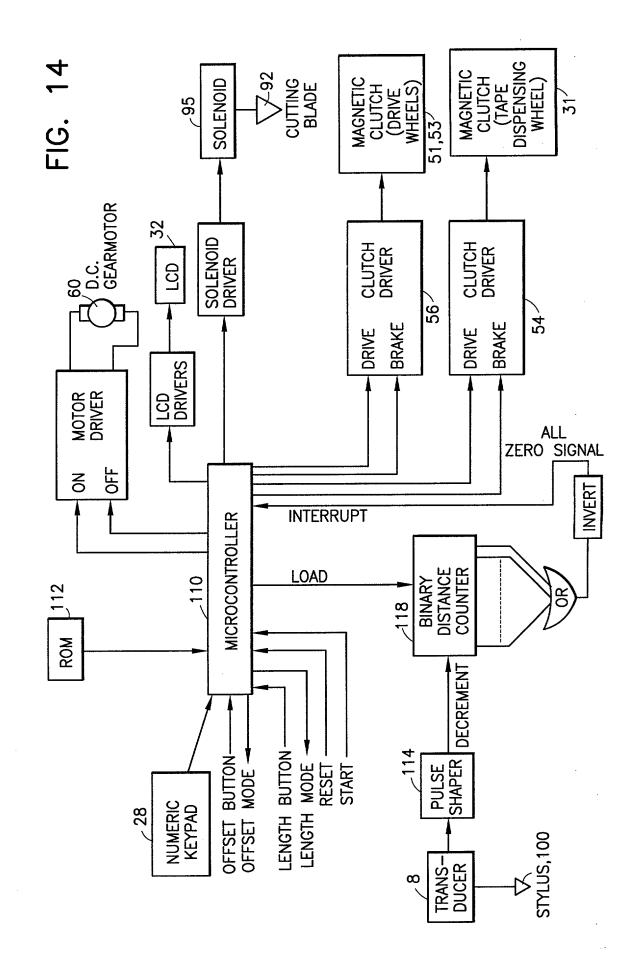
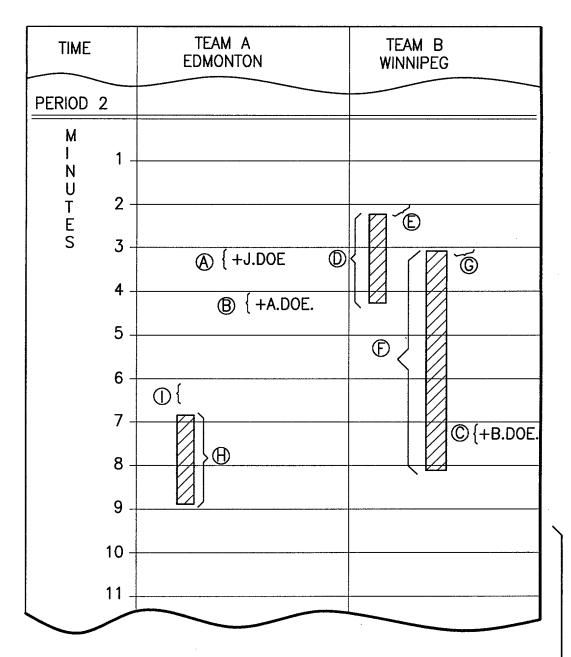


FIG. 16



PORTION OF TIMING CHART - SECOND PERIOD

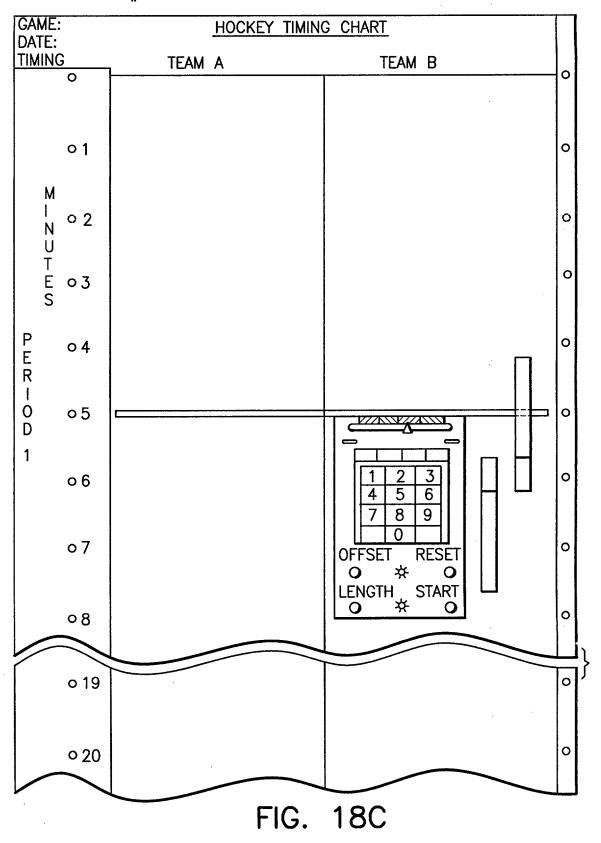
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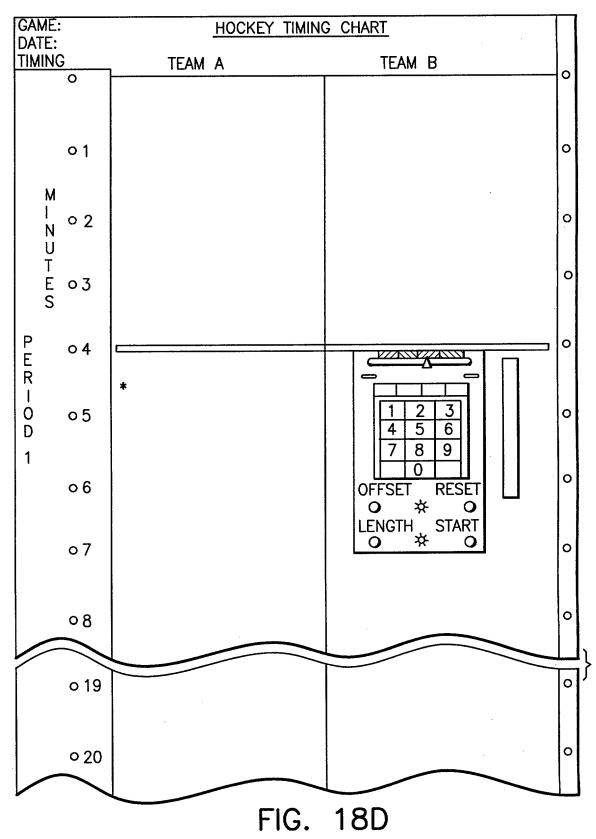
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FIG. 17

HOCKEY TIMING CHART



EXAMPLE D



EXAMPLE E

